

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF  
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER  
SUPPLY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

(Pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 65 of the RIGLs)

*MINUTES January 23, 2009*

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Don Iannazzi	Bob Bozikowski
June Swallow	Mike Covellone
Mario Carlino	Patrick Hughes
Susan Licardi	

Others: Dana McCants Derisier

Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone, Chairperson at 10:00 AM.

1. Don Iannazzi moved that the October 17, 2008 meeting minutes be approved. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- The Board reviewed the exam results from the November 2008 treatment and distribution exams.

The Board approved the requests for full certification by the following individuals as all have met mandatory experience requirements:

- Kyle Kluth, Newport Water, Grade 1 Distribution
- Greg Gizzi, Newport Water, Grade 1 Treatment
- William Capron, Prudence Island, Grade 1 Distribution
- John Soetbeer, Narragansett Water, Grade 1 Distribution
- Donald Hopkins, Providence Water Supply Board, Grade 1 Distribution
- Raymond Blain, Pawtucket Water Supply Board, Grade 3 Distribution

The Board reviewed and approved the following course request:

- "How Many Test Procedures Does It Take To Test A Backflow", request by Michael Hebert, RI Backflow Prevention Association, 4.5 TCHs.
3. The Board reviewed the request from Raymond Raposa, New England Water Works, Association, for training contact hours (TCHs) for training sessions at the November 2008 Joint Monthly Meeting. Mr. Raposa did not submit the required information on the course instructors. The Board agreed that Mr. Raposa would need to submit the information to the Board secretary for the credit approval.

Don Iannazzi moved to approve the Meeting for the two credits after the secretary's approval of the pending documents. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

4. The Board reviewed the request from Raymond Raposa, New England Water Works, Association, for training contact hours (TCHs) for training sessions at the January 2009 Joint Monthly Meeting. Mr. Raposa did not submit the required information on the course instructors. The Board agreed that Mr. Raposa would need to submit the information to the Board secretary for the credit approval. Don Iannazzi moved to approve the Meeting for the two credits after the secretary's approval of the pending documents. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.
5. The Board reviewed and denied the request from James Quinlan, Newport Water, for upgrade to Grade 2 Full Distribution Certification based on a lack of information relating to his duties as an operator and that the request can not be granted until November 2009, if he meets the requirement. The Board discussed Mr. Quinlan's job description and title as "Engineering Technician". Don Iannazzi pointed out that based on the documents submitted to the Board, Mr. Quinlan's job duties do not meet the definition of an operator as stated in section 1.18 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations. Don Iannazzi made a motion to deny the request. However, June Swallow stated that Mr. Quinlan is not a supervisor but an engineering technician. Therefore, he maybe out in the field performing operator duties based on the "Essential Functions" section of the job description. She stated that Newport Water should update the job description indicating Mr. Quinlan's experience as an operator from November 2007 to November 2009, as he may meet the requirement in section 7.7.2 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations. Don Iannazzi withdrew his motion to deny the request. June Swallow made a motion that Newport Water provides a job description that clearly states Mr. Quinlan's operator duties from November 2007 to November 2009 and to present this information when he meets the requirement in November 2009. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
6. The Board reviewed and denied the request from David Durand, Providence Water Supply Board, to take the Grade 4 Distribution Certification Exam in April 2009 based on a lack of information relating to his duties as an operator and that the request can not be granted until June 2009, if he meets the requirement. The Board discussed Mr. Durand's job description and title as "Engineer of Transmission & Distribution". Don Iannazzi stated that Mr. Durand is not an operator based on the documents submitted to the Board and his knowledge of Mr. Durand's duties at the Providence Water Supply Board. Don Iannazzi stated that Mr. Durand's job duties include: coordination of contractors, record keeping, and construction over-sight. Therefore, he does not meet the definition of an operator as stated in section 1.18 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations. Bob Bozikowski made a motion to deny the request but Providence Water Supply Board will need to submit a letter to the Board stating the operator duties of Mr. Durand and that Mr. Durand can request to take the Grade 4 Exam in July 2009, if he meets the requirement. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.
7. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Christopher Jacobs, Pawtucket Water Supply Board/Earth Tech, for reciprocity for a Grade 4 Full Treatment Certification. June Swallow pointed out the she granted Mr. Jacobs a provisional Grade 3 Full Treatment Certification, as stated in section 8.5 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations until further action by the Board. . The Board discussed Mr. Durand's job description and his employment history. All members voted to approve the request. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.

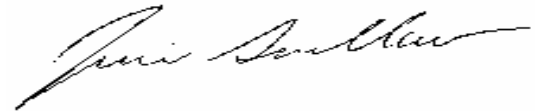
8. Other Business:

Dana McCants Derisier, staff person on the Board, announced that she would be leaving Drinking Water Quality as of February 13, 2009. Steven Boudreau was introduced as the interim staff person on the Board.

Bob Bozikowski, a Board member, is seeking to obtain Full status for his OIT status Grade 1 Treatment and Grade 3 Distribution certifications. The Board discussed the meaning of "fulltime experience" as stated in section 7.0 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations. Don Iannazzi pointed out that fulltime status for an operator at a small public water system does not equal 40 hours a week but 20 hours per week can be considered fulltime taking into consideration the amount of work that needs to be done. Mr. Bozikowski stated that he would still be working for Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association but he would be the contract operator for Richmond Water. Mr. Bozikowski's role at Richmond Water would be to perform routine inspections and responding to emergencies. Mr. Bozikowski wanted to know if the Board would consider performing routine checks and being on call as fulltime duties to meet the requirements to obtain Full status for his certifications. The Board continued to discuss this matter in terms of the number of systems it may take for Mr. Bozikowski to meet the fulltime experience requirement. Ultimately, the Board did not reach a consensus and will need to revisit this matter.

June Swallow moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "June Swallow", written in dark ink.

June Swallow, P.E. Secretary